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QUESTIONNAIRE

**A PHOTOCOPY OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
WORLD CHURCH SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE
IS PRESENTED IN PAGES iii to vi.**

By and large the questions in the General Conference World Church Survey questionnaire followed a logical sequence by general topics. However in a number of instances questions on a particular topic were not placed in sequence. For example the demographic and biographical questions occurred in questions 1 and 4 at the beginning of the questionnaire and then in questions 98 to 103.

In presenting this preliminary analysis of the data the questions were grouped into eight chapters as indicated in the table of contents. On the copy of the questionnaire, therefore, the groupings by chapters of the report are indicated in the left hand margin.

Each chapter, covering a specific topic, can stand alone. Page numbering therefore begins at page 1 for each chapter. Statistical information relating to any graphic may be obtained by referring to the respective table in Chapter IX. Graphs carry the same number as the number in the questionnaire.

World Church Survey

General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists - 1993

Please circle the number of the answer you choose for each question.

If you do not understand any question, please go on to the next question.

1. How long have you been a baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

- 1. Less than 1 year
- 2. 1 to 5 years

- 3. 6 to 10 years
- 4. 11 to 20 years

- 5. Over 20 years

2. Circle the number on the scale below indicating the degree or depth of relationship that you have with Jesus Christ.

None 1 2 3 4 5 Intimate

3. What number on the scale below shows your assurance of eternal life?

Not sure 1 2 3 4 5 Very certain

4. How did you join the Adventist Church? (Circle the number of as many as are true for you.)

- 1. Raised in an Adventist home
- 2. Introduced by a friend, relative or acquaintance
- 3. Through ADRA or community services
- 4. Radio or TV ministry
- 5. Read Adventist literature
- 6. Visits in my home by a pastor or Bible instructor
- 7. Bible correspondence course

- 8. Bible studies by a lay person
- 9. Attended a small group Bible study
- 10. Attended public evangelistic meetings
- 11. Attended a health seminar or family life seminar
- 12. An Adventist missionary visited my community
- 13. Through an Adventist medical institution
- 14. Through an Adventist school
- 15. Other

5. Do you hold a church office or position of leadership in your local church? 1. Yes 2. No

During the past 12 months, have you been a leader or helper in any of the following programs? Circle an answer to each question:

- | | | |
|--|--------|-------|
| 6. Giving Bible studies | 1. Yes | 2. No |
| 7. Leading a Bible study group | 1. Yes | 2. No |
| 8. Public meetings or Bible seminar | 1. Yes | 2. No |
| 9. ADRA or community services work | 1. Yes | 2. No |
| 10. Door-to-door visitation | 1. Yes | 2. No |
| 11. Health & Temperance work | 1. Yes | 2. No |
| 12. Media outreach & public relations | 1. Yes | 2. No |
| 13. Youth witnessing activities | 1. Yes | 2. No |
| 14. Vacation Bible School | 1. Yes | 2. No |
| 15. Branch Sabbath School | 1. Yes | 2. No |
| 16. Health, family life or other seminar | 1. Yes | 2. No |

17. How many pieces of witnessing literature have you given to those who are not church members in the last month?

_____ pieces

18. To what extent do you know about the "Global Mission" program of the Adventist Church?
(Circle the number of only ONE answer below.)

- 1. I have never heard about "Global Mission"
- 2. I know something about "Global Mission"
- 3. I know a lot about "Global Mission"

Please indicate your opinion about each of the statements in Questions 19 through 35 by circling the appropriate number.

1 = strongly disagree

3 = no opinion

4 = moderately agree

2 = moderately disagree

5 = strongly agree

- 4
19. It is important for a Christian to tithe. 1 2 3 4 5
 20. I approve of the way my local church spends money. 1 2 3 4 5
 21. I have confidence in the leadership of my pastor. 1 2 3 4 5
 22. I approve of the way my local conference/mission/field spends money. 1 2 3 4 5
 23. I have confidence in the leadership of my conference/mission/field. 1 2 3 4 5
 24. I approve of the way my union conference/mission spends money. 1 2 3 4 5
 25. I have confidence in the leadership of my union conference/mission. 1 2 3 4 5
 26. My commitment to the SDA Church has grown in the past two years. 1 2 3 4 5
 27. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is the "remnant church." 1 2 3 4 5
 28. The 2300-day prophecy of Daniel 8:14 is basic to the origin and mission of the SDA Church. 1 2 3 4 5
 29. I believe Jesus could very well come in my lifetime. 1 2 3 4 5
 30. Humankind was created by God in the persons of Adam and Eve and not through the evolutionary process. 1 2 3 4 5
 31. Christ is presently involved in the atoning ministry in the heavenly sanctuary. 1 2 3 4 5
 32. Christ is presently involved in an investigative, preadvent judgment. 1 2 3 4 5
 33. Justification is the divine act by which God declares a penitent sinner righteous. 1 2 3 4 5
 34. A born-again Christian is enabled to live a life of obedience through the indwelling Spirit. 1 2 3 4 5
 35. Neither justification nor sanctification is the result of our works; both are solely due to Christ's grace. 1 2 3 4 5

36. Which of the following statements best describes your understanding of salvation? (Circle the number of only ONE answer.)

1. God will save only those who show they can keep His law.
2. God will save those who unite their works to His saving grace.
3. God will save those who trust completely in His saving power and yield to the working of the Holy Spirit.
4. God will save those who trust completely in His saving power.
5. God will save those whom He chooses to save.
6. God will save all human beings.

3 37. Have you been personally involved in church-related activities to help the poor in the community during the last month?

1. Yes

2. No

How often during the past year have you heard a Sabbath sermon on the following topics?

0 = None

2 = More than once

1 = Once

3 = I don't remember.

- 5
38. Christ and Him crucified? 0 1 2 3
 39. Christ's second coming or last day events? 0 1 2 3
 40. Justification? 0 1 2 3
 41. Sanctification? 0 1 2 3
 42. Sabbath-keeping? 0 1 2 3
 43. Ellen G White and her writings? 0 1 2 3
 44. The sanctuary and investigative judgment? 0 1 2 3
 45. The 2300 years or other prophetic events? 0 1 2 3
 46. Tithing and stewardship? 0 1 2 3
 47. Marriage and family life? 0 1 2 3
 48. The mission of the church? 0 1 2 3
 49. Healthful living and Adventist lifestyle? 0 1 2 3

How would you rate the sermons you hear each Sabbath in your church?

50. Are they Christ-centered?

1. Yes

2. No

51. Are they Bible-based?

1. Yes

2. No

52. Are they practical?

1. Yes

2. No

How often do you participate in the following devotional practices?

1 = never

2 = less than once a week

3 = once a week

4 = several times a week

5 = daily

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| 53. Personal, private prayer? | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 54. Personal Bible study? | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 55. Study of the Sabbath School lesson? | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 56. Family worship? | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 57. Reading Ellen White books? | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 58. Reading other SDA devotional literature? | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 59. Reading non-SDA devotional literature? | 1 2 3 4 5 |

Do you receive copies of these Adventist periodicals on a regular basis?

1 = Yes

2 = No

3 = Does not exist here.

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|---|-------|
| 60. The Adventist Review | 1 2 3 |
| 61. Your union or division paper | 1 2 3 |
| 62. An outreach or evangelistic journal | 1 2 3 |
| 63. The Sabbath School lesson quarterly | 1 2 3 |
| 64. A youth or children's paper | 1 2 3 |

5 65. Would you feel comfortable bringing a relative or friend with you to visit your Sabbath School and church services?

1. Yes

2. No

3. Sometimes

66. Have you ever done so in the past 12 months? 1. Yes 2. No

How often do you attend the church activities listed in the following questions? Circle the number following each question that best describes your attendance in recent months.

0 = No such activity exists

1 = Not at all

2 = Less than once a month

3 = Once a month

4 = Three out of four weeks

5 = Every week

- 6
- | | |
|--|-------------|
| 67. Sabbath Divine Worship service | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 68. Sabbath School | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 69. Prayer meeting or other weekly meeting | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 70. Small group Bible study in a home | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 71. A women's or men's meeting such as the Dorcas Society or Adventist Men | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 72. Adventist Youth Society or Pathfinder Club | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |

73. Do you have any children who are in the age group to attend school, college or university?

1. Yes

2. No

77
IF "No," go to Question 76. IF "Yes," are any attending Adventist schools? Circle the number of the correct answer for Questions 74 through 76.

- 8
- | | | |
|---|--------|-------|
| 74. Attending an Adventist primary school? | 1. Yes | 2. No |
| 75. Attending an Adventist secondary school? | 1. Yes | 2. No |
| 76. Attending an Adventist college or university? | 1. Yes | 2. No |

77. IF you have children who are not attending an Adventist school, why? (Circle each true answer.)

1. The cost and lack of finance
2. The Adventist school is too distant
3. The Adventist school is of poor academic quality
4. The Adventist school does not offer the course needed
5. The Adventist school is not spiritual enough
6. My spouse will not allow it
7. There is no room in the Adventist school
8. Adventist primary schools are not available
9. Adventist secondary schools are not available

78. Did you return any tithe in the last year?

1. Yes

2. No

79. IF "No," go to Question 81. IF "Yes," what percent of your annual income did you give to the Tithe Fund?

1. Less than 10%

2. 10%

3. More than 10%

2 80. Did you give any tithe to non-tithe categories such as local church expenses, world missions, evangelism or Christian education

1. Yes

2. No

81. Did you give any offerings beyond the tithe in the last year?

1. Yes

2. No

82. IF "No," go to Question 83. IF "Yes," what percent of your annual income did you give to offerings?

1. 1% or less

3. 5% to 9%

2. 2% to 4%

4. 10% or more (a second tithe)

83. Have you made plans to remember the church by a will or other arrangements at death?

1. Yes

2. No

Do you feel that the Adventist Church standard about each of the following behaviors is reasonable? Please circle the number following each question that best indicates your opinion.

1 = strongly disagree

4 = moderately agree

2 = moderately disagree

5 = strongly agree

3 = no opinion

6 = I don't know what the standard is.

84. The standard about alcoholic beverages

1 2 3 4 5 6

85. The standard about tobacco

1 2 3 4 5 6

86. The standard about unclean meats

1 2 3 4 5 6

87. The standard about sex outside of marriage

1 2 3 4 5 6

88. The standard about decorative jewelry or excessive makeup

1 2 3 4 5 6

89. The standard about dancing

1 2 3 4 5 6

90. The standard about "rock" music

1 2 3 4 5 6

91. The standard about attendance at movie theaters

1 2 3 4 5 6

92. The standard about bearing arms in military service

1 2 3 4 5 6

93. The standard about divorce

1 2 3 4 5 6

94. The standard about polygamy

1 2 3 4 5 6

95. The standard about business practices

1 2 3 4 5 6

96. The standard about gambling

1 2 3 4 5 6

97. Identify the diet you follow by circling the number of the answer that best describes your practice.

1. Follow only a strict vegetarian diet (no meat, milk, cheese or eggs)

2. Follow only a lacto-ovo vegetarian diet (no meat, but includes milk, cheese or eggs)

3. Occasionally eat clean meat

4. Eat clean meat regularly

98. What is your marital status?

1. Never been married

3. Married

5. Divorced

2. Remarried

4. Separated

6. Widowed

99. What year were you born? 19__

100. Were you born in the country in which you currently reside?

1. Yes

2. No

101. IF "No," were you an Adventist before you arrived in this country?

1. Yes

2. No

102. How many years of formal education have you completed? _____

103. Are you?

1. Male 2. Female

CHAPTER I

MATERIALS AND METHOD

**THIS SECTION PRESENTS
OBSERVATIONS, GRAPHS AND STATISTICS
ON
MATERIALS AND METHOD
AS DERIVED
FROM RESPONSES TO
QUESTIONS 1, 4, 99, 100 TO 103
OF THE WORLD SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE**

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Material and Methods

The structure of the survey was designed by a committee of the General Conference. The survey instrument and the method of selecting the sample surveyed likewise were from this same committee and no variation was allowed.

Instrument

The survey instrument was provided in English and French (as well as in several languages irrelevant to this Division).

The instrument was translated into PNG pidgin and Solomon Island pidgin by a national worker. Some of the questions were extremely difficult to translate because of their technical nature. Unfortunately some typographical errors occurred in the printing of the PNG version.

Sampling

The General Conference requirement was that the sample be by random selection of churches from each Union with numbers of churches being based on membership, to provide a total number of answered questionnaires for each Union in proportion to their membership. Churches were selected in this way by using random number tables. Although each Conference or Mission may appear to have not had adequate representation of its churches, the actual sample for each Union was balanced.

Each church was sent enough questionnaires to provide for half of their church roll. The questionnaires were sent to the church pastor, or in some cases the leading elder. In the Island Fields bundles of questionnaires were sent to leaders to supervise several churches in their area as it was felt that some local church pastors may have difficulty with the language.

An instruction sheet, prepared by the General Conference, was enclosed with the questionnaires explaining to the supervisor that the questionnaire should be given on Sabbath morning to baptised local church members to complete. It was suggested that this be done between Sabbath School and the main church worship service. An explanation for the survey and a reassurance of confidentiality were included to be read to the participants at the time of conducting the survey.

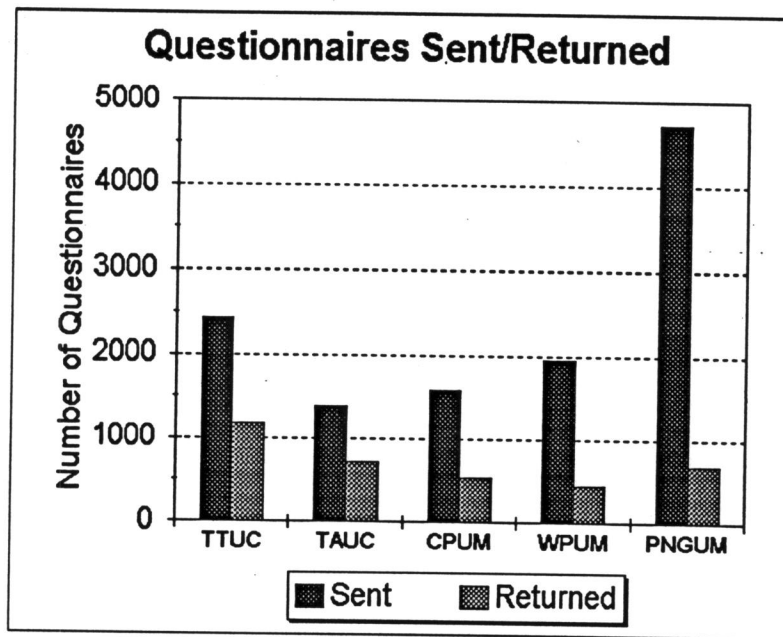
The number of questionnaires sent out was several times the General Conference required return of 2000 cases. However there was considerable variation in the

numbers returned from each Union. The ratio of returns to membership for each Union thus differed markedly.

Demographic Results

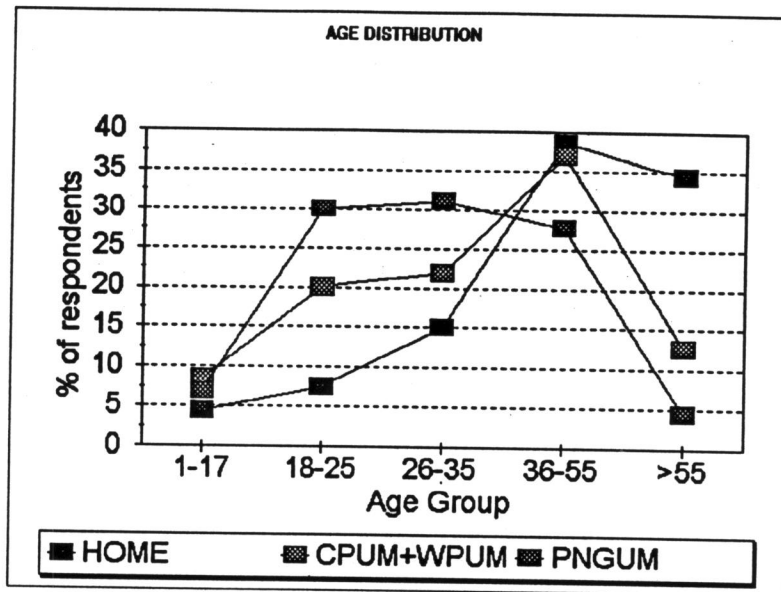
Questionnaires Returned

Of 12032 questionnaires distributed, 3548 were returned within the time of the survey. More were received too late to be included in the statistics. A higher return rate from the Home Unions than from the Island Unions is evident.



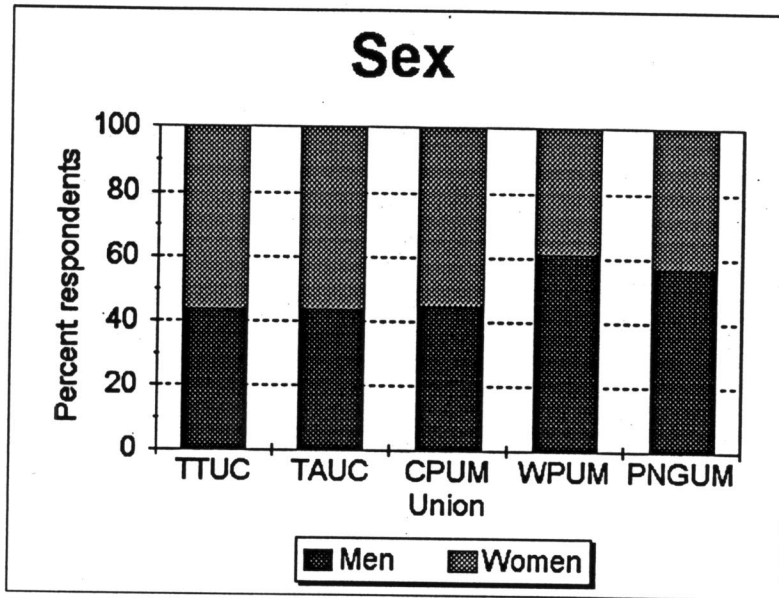
99) Age Group

In the home fields by far the majority of the respondents were in the age groups over 35 years. PNGUM had its peak age group between 18 and 35 years, while CPUM and WPUM had a distribution somewhat between these two extremes.



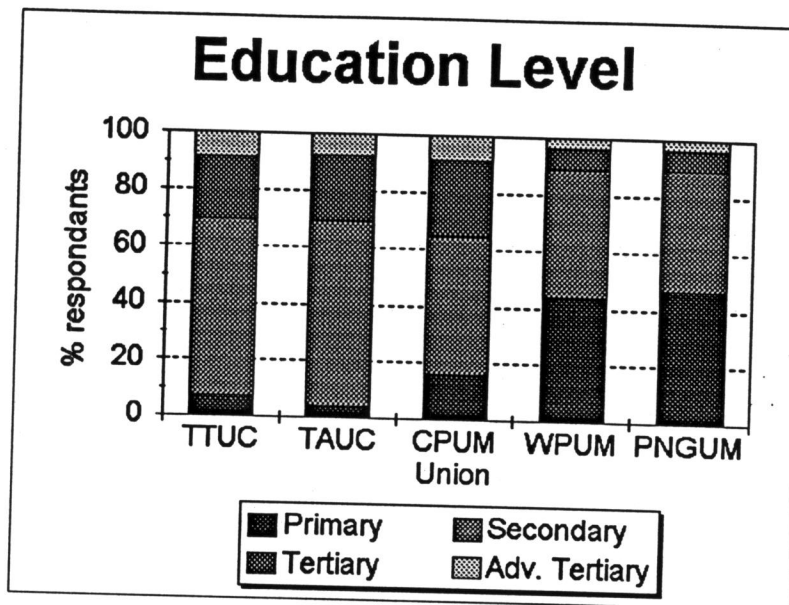
103) Sex

The home unions and the CPUM had a slight preponderance of women respondents while WPUM and PNGUM had the reverse.



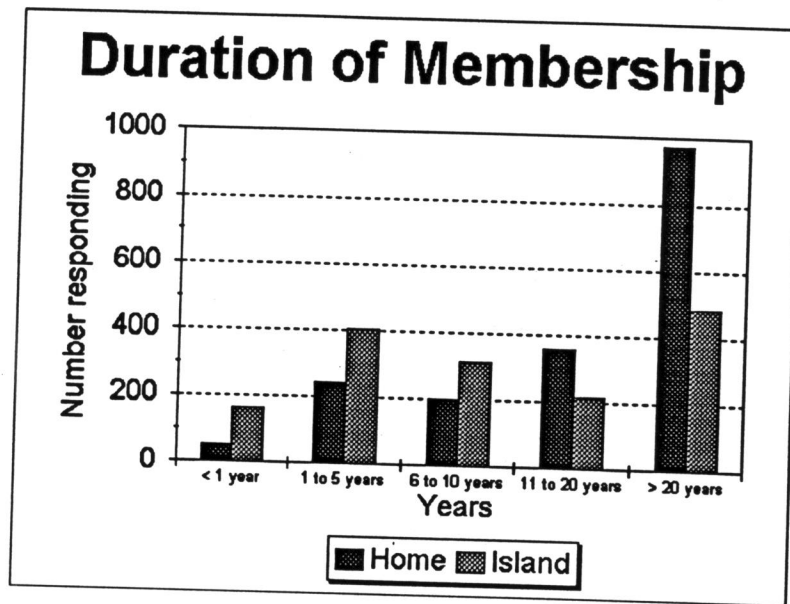
102) Education Group

The home unions had a high proportion of respondents educated to secondary school level (12 years of education) while WPUM and PNGUM had a much higher number educated only to primary level (0 to 6 years of education). CPUM fell between these two but with a higher proportion having tertiary education.



1) How long a member

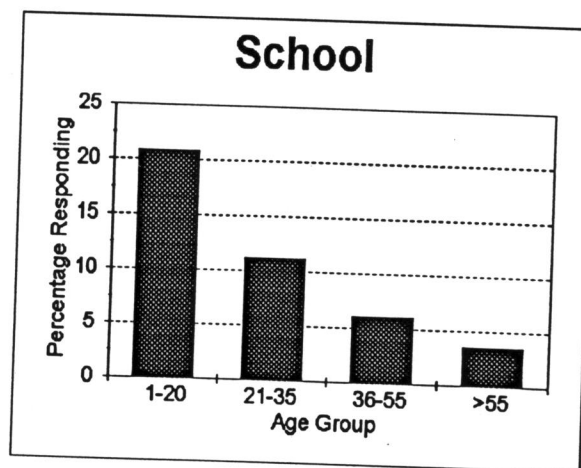
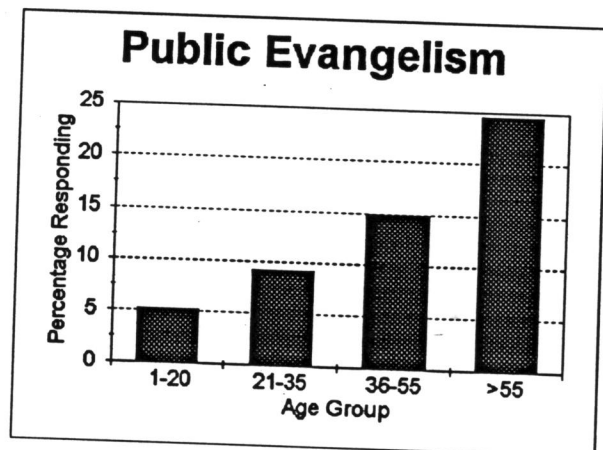
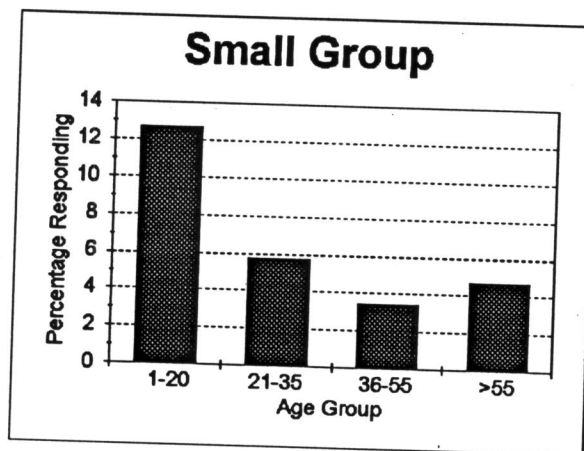
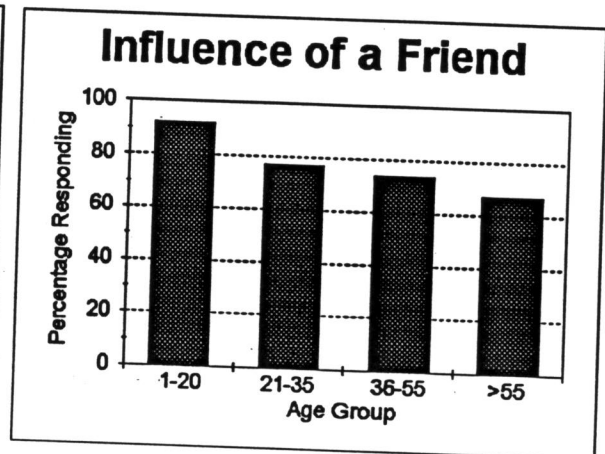
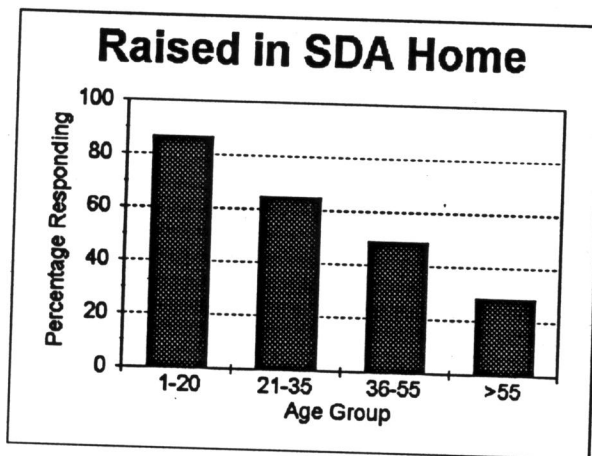
The home union respondents showed a marked preponderance of members of 20 or more years while the island fields showed more respondents having been church members for fewer years.



4) How did you join the Adventist Church?

Home Unions Responses by Age Group

Five selected areas which had statistically highly significant difference between age groups.



These graphs indicate that younger church members consider the influence of the home, friends, small group Bible studies and the Adventist school are the most

significant factors in their joining the SDA church. On the other hand older members consider public evangelism as a more significant factor.

Discussion

Sampling

Problems with the sampling technique include:

- The sample was taken only from baptised church members. A significant percentage of the adherents to the Seventh-day Adventist Church are not baptised. This group particularly includes the youth and their attitudes and opinions are thus not adequately represented in this survey.
- Although the church selection was randomised, the selection of responding participants was not. It was left to the supervisor to distribute the questionnaires.
- The sampling of the population of each church occurred on Sabbath morning, probably between the Sabbath School and main worship service. This suggests that those who responded would have been present for Sabbath School. This is supported by the figures in Question 68 which indicate that 80% of the respondents attend Sabbath School weekly, and Question 69 showing 17% of the respondents in the Home Unions attend prayer meeting weekly. Observation does not support such figures for the total membership of the church.
- The method of sampling excluded those church members who were unable to attend because of age, sickness or for some other reason.
- Some of the questions were ambiguous, and some not easily understood. Question 95, for example, the standard about business practices, was unclear and the results indicate that it was not well understood.
- For the Island membership both the English and the Pidgin versions of the questionnaire may have been difficult to understand and this will cast doubt on the accuracy of the results.

Demographics

In the Home Unions the respondents typically were members over the age of 35 years, slightly more women than men, with a predominantly secondary level of education and a membership in the church of more than 20 years.

In the Island Unions the respondents were younger, a tendency to be male, with a much higher level of only primary education, and generally a shorter period of church membership.

In the Home Unions younger respondents were mainly influenced in becoming Adventists by their home background, their friends and their school. Older members were much more influenced by public evangelism. Whether this indicates the type of response in these age groups, or the changing pattern of membership acquisition is not clear.

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Questionnaires Distributed and Returned by 19/3/93

	Churches			Questionnaires			
	Sent	Returned	% Returned	Sent	Returned	% Returned	% of Total Returned
TTUC	46	38	83%	2426	1185	49%	33%
TAUC	26	21	81%	1375	711	52%	20%
CPUM	15	12	80%	1570	537	34%	15%
WPUM	29	12	41%	1940.8	434	22%	12%
PNGUM	54	16	30%	4719.8	681	14%	19%
TOTAL	170	99	58%	12032	3548	29%	100%

1) How long a member

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTU C		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
< 1 year	215	6.3	32	2.8	20	2.9	35	6.7	37	9.2	91	13.8
1 to 5 years	649	19	150	13.2	94	13.6	117	22.5	90	22.4	198	30
6 to 10 years	513	15	143	12.5	56	8.1	110	21.2	41	10.2	163	24.7
11 to 20 years	573	16.8	214	18.8	145	21	101	19.4	43	10.7	70	10.6
> 20 years	1462	42.8	601	52.7	376	54.4	157	30.2	191	47.5	137	20.8

Missing cases 136

Results of Home Unions by Age Group

	TOTAL		1-20		21-35		36-55		>55	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
<1 year	48	2.8	24	18.8	13	4.0	6	0.9	5	0.9
1-5 years	231	13.6	89	69.5	61	18.8	53	8.0	28	4.8
6-10 years	183	10.8	14	10.9	96	29.5	56	8.5	17	2.9
11-20 years	339	19.9	1	0.8	137	42.2	144	21.8	57	9.7
> 20 years	899	52.9	0	0.0	18	5.5	403	60.9	478	81.7

Missing cases 196

98) Marital status

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Never married	670	21.5	177	16.1	87	12.9	3	0.9	105	30.8	164	30.7
Remarried	197	6.3	74	6.7	53	7.8	25	7.5	16	4.7	29	5.4
Married	1904	61.0	694	63.1	458	67.7	276	82.4	210	61.6	266	49.8
Separated	78	2.5	32	2.9	13	1.9	6	1.8	2	0.6	25	4.7
Divorced	100	3.2	41	3.7	22	3.2	7	2.1	1	0.3	29	5.4
Widowed	172	5.5	82	7.5	44	6.5	18	5.4	7	2.1	21	3.9

Missing cases 427

Results of Home Unions by Age Group

	TOTAL		1-20		21-35		36-55		>55	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Never married	256	15.0	126	96.9	92	28.0	22	3.3	16	2.7
Remarried	124	7.3	1	0.8	7	2.1	60	9.0	56	9.6
Married	1111	65.1	3	2.3	219	66.8	514	77.4	375	64.2
Separated	42	2.5	0	0.0	7	2.1	23	3.5	12	2.1
Divorced	57	3.3	0	0.0	3	0.9	34	5.1	20	3.4
Widowed	116	6.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	1.7	105	18.0

99) Age Group

Results by Union

Age Group	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
1-13	18	0.6	4	0.4	2	0.3	7	1.5			5	0.9
14-17	167	5.4	42	4	28	4.2	35	7.5	28	7.9	34	6.0
18-25	463	14.9	81	7.6	47	7.1	90	19.2	75	21.1	170	30.0
26-35	616	19.8	155	14.6	105	15.8	93	19.9	87	24.4	176	31.0
36-55	1129	36.2	399	37.6	268	40.4	174	37.2	131	36.8	157	27.7
>55	723	23.2	380	35.8	214	32.2	69	14.7	35	9.8	25	4.4

Missing cases 432

100) Were you born in the country in which you currently reside?

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Yes	2144	68.5	811	74.5	525	77.4	341	75.1	128	40.9	339	56.6
No	988	31.5	277	25.5	153	22.6	113	24.9	185	59.1	260	43.4

Missing cases 406

101) If "No" were you an Adventist before you arrived in this country?

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Yes	586	63.1	160	60.2	85	57.4	61	56.0	117	74.1	163	66.0
No	342	36.9	106	39.8	63	42.6	48	44.0	41	25.9	84	34.0

Missing cases 60

102) Education Group

Results by Union

Education	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Primary	485	18.7	69	7.4	24	4.0	51	15.9	134	44.2	207	47.4
Secondary	1455	56.0	585	62.4	394	65.4	157	48.9	135	44.6	184	42.1
Tertiary	479	18.4	201	21.5	137	22.8	85	26.5	24	7.9	32	7.3
Advanced Tertiary	181	7.0	82	8.8	47	7.8	28	8.7	10	3.3	14	3.2

Missing cases 948

Results of Home Unions by Age Group

	TOTAL		1-20		21-35		36-55		>55	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Primary	90	6.0	4	3.2	7	2.3	33	5.5	46	9.8
Secondary	953	63.6	96	77.4	170	55.2	340	57.1	347	73.7
Tertiary	330	22.0	24	19.4	92	29.9	156	26.2	58	12.3
Adv. Tertiary	125	8.3	0	0.0	39	12.7	66	11.1	20	4.2

103) Sex

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Male	1559	48.4	477	43.5	301	44.3	212	44.8	225	61.3	344	56.8
Female	1663	51.6	620	56.5	378	55.7	261	55.2	142	38.7	262	43.2

Missing cases 326

Results of Home Unions by Age Group

	TOTAL		1-20		21-35		36-55		>55	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Male	756	44.2	56	42.1	154	46.8	299	45.0	247	42.2
Female	956	55.8	77	57.9	175	53.2	366	55.0	338	57.8

4) How did you join the Adventist Church?

1. Raised in an Adventist home

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTU C		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	1914	53.9	683	57.6	341	48	283	52.7	153	35.3	454	66.7
Marked	1634	46.1	502	42.4	370	52	254	47.3	281	64.7	227	33.3

Missing cases 0

Results of Home Unions by Age Group

	TOTAL		1-20		21-35		36-55		>55	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	899	52.1	18	13.4	116	35.2	341	51.1	424	71.4
Marked	826	47.9	116	86.6	214	64.8	326	48.9	170	28.6

2. Introduced by a friend

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	2712	76.4	857	72.3	542	76.2	422	78.6	391	90.1	500	73.4
Marked	836	23.6	328	27.7	169	23.8	115	21.4	43	9.9	181	26.6

Missing cases 0

Results of Home Unions by Age Group

	TOTAL		1-20		21-35		36-55		>55	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	1265	73.3	123	91.8	254	77.0	492	73.8	396	66.7
Marked	460	26.7	11	8.2	76	23.0	175	26.2	198	33.3

3. Through ADRA

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	3505	98.8	1183	99.8	709	99.7	525	97.8	429	98.8	659	96.8
Marked	43	1.2	2	0.2	2	0.3	12	2.2	5	1.2	22	3.2

Missing cases 0

4. Radio or TV

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	3450	97.2	1143	96.5	684	96.2	526	98	430	99.1	667	97.9
Marked	98	2.8	42	3.5	27	3.8	11	2	4	0.9	14	2.1

Missing cases 0

Results of Home Unions by Age Group

	TOTAL		1-20		21-35		36-55		>55	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	1662	96.3	134	100.0	322	97.6	641	96.1	565	95.1
Marked	63	3.7	0	0.0	8	2.4	26	3.9	29	4.9

5. Adventist literature

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	3301	93	1084	91.5	657	92.4	503	93.7	411	94.7	646	94.9
Marked	247	7	101	8.5	54	7.6	34	6.3	23	5.3	35	5.1

Missing cases 0

Results of Home Unions by Age Group

	TOTAL		1-20		21-35		36-55		>55	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	1580	91.6	128	95.5	305	92.4	611	91.6	536	90.2
Marked	145	8.4	6	4.5	25	7.6	56	8.4	58	9.8

6. Visits by Pastor

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	3082	86.9	979	82.6	604	85	466	86.8	409	94.2	624	91.6
Marked	466	13.1	206	17.4	107	15	71	13.2	25	5.8	57	8.4

Missing cases 0

Results of Home Unions by Age Group

	TOTAL		1-20		21-35		36-55		>55	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	1440	83.5	116	86.6	293	88.8	559	83.8	472	79.5
Marked	285	16.5	18	13.4	37	11.2	108	16.2	122	20.5

7. Correspondence course

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	3344	94.3	1095	92.4	669	94.1	508	94.6	427	98.4	645	94.7
Marked	204	5.7	90	7.6	42	5.9	29	5.4	7	1.6	36	5.3

Missing cases 0

Results of Home Unions by Age Group

	TOTAL		1-20		21-35		36-55		>55	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	1601	92.8	128	95.5	314	95.2	620	93.0	539	90.7
Marked	124	7.2	6	4.5	16	4.8	47	7.0	55	9.3

8. Studies by lay person

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	3270	92.2	1108	93.5	658	92.5	465	86.6	411	94.7	628	92.2
Marked	278	7.8	77	6.5	53	7.5	72	13.4	23	5.3	53	7.8

Missing cases 0

Results of Home Unions by Age Group

	TOTAL		1-20		21-35		36-55		>55	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	1607	93.2	125	93.3	315	95.5	629	94.3	538	90.6
Marked	118	6.8	9	6.7	15	4.5	38	5.7	56	9.4

9. Small group Bible study

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	3327	93.8	1130	95.4	672	94.5	470	87.5	420	96.8	635	93.2
Marked	221	6.2	55	4.6	39	5.5	67	12.5	14	3.2	46	6.8

Missing cases 0

Results of Home Unions by Age Group

	TOTAL		1-20		21-35		36-55		>55	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	1638	95.0	117	87.3	311	94.2	644	96.6	566	95.3
Marked	87	5.0	17	12.7	19	5.8	23	3.4	28	4.7

10. Public evangelistic meetings

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	3086	87	987	83.3	604	85	453	84.4	408	94	634	93.1
Marked	462	13	198	16.7	107	15	84	15.6	26	6	47	6.9

Missing cases 0

Results of Home Unions by Age Group

	TOTAL		1-20		21-35		36-55		>55	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	1443	83.7	127	94.8	300	90.9	568	85.2	448	75.4
Marked	282	16.3	7	5.2	30	9.1	99	14.8	146	24.6

11. Health or family life seminar

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	3473	97.9	1159	97.8	704	99	517	96.3	425	97.9	668	98.1
Marked	75	2.1	26	2.2	7	1	20	3.7	9	2.1	13	1.9

Missing cases 0

12. Adventist missionary

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	3390	95.5	1168	98.6	702	98.7	502	93.5	415	95.6	603	88.5
Marked	158	4.5	17	1.4	9	1.3	35	6.5	19	4.4	78	11.5

Missing cases 0

13. Medical institution

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	3507	98.8	1178	99.4	705	99.2	527	98.1	431	99.3	666	97.8
Marked	41	1.2	7	0.6	6	0.8	10	1.9	3	0.7	15	2.2

Missing cases 0

14. School

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	3228	91	1113	93.9	654	92	452	84.2	394	90.8	615	90.3
Marked	320	9	72	6.1	57	8	85	15.8	40	9.2	66	9.7

Missing cases 0

Results of Home Unions by Age Group

	TOTAL		1-20		21-35		36-55		>55	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	1598	92.6	106	79.1	293	88.8	626	93.9	573	96.5
Marked	127	7.4	28	20.9	37	11.2	41	6.1	21	3.5

15. Other

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No response	3360	94.7	1116	94.2	672	94.5	496	92.4	431	99.3	645	94.7
Marked	36	5.3	69	5.8	39	5.5	41	7.6	3	0.7	36	5.3

Missing cases 0

CHAPTER II

STEWARDSHIP

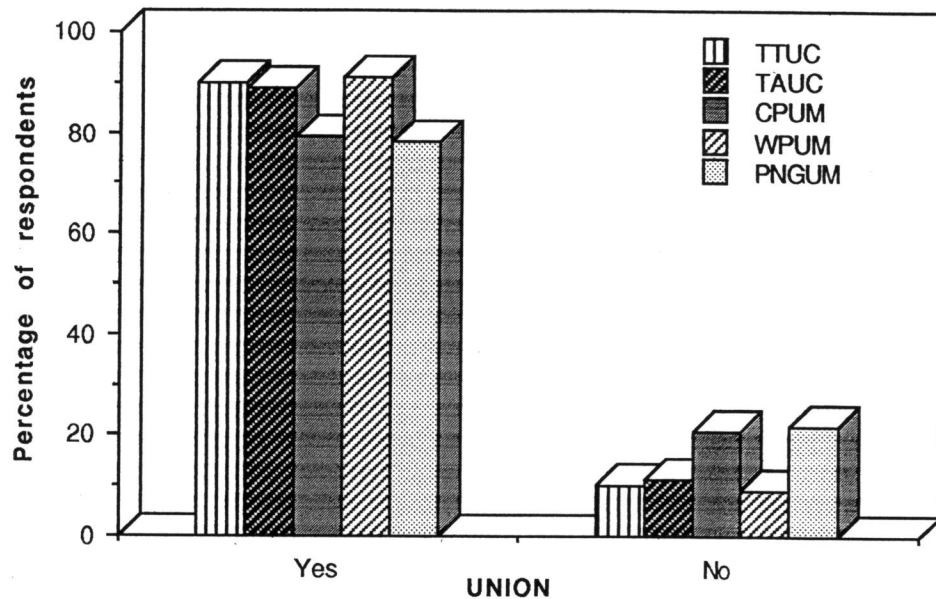
**THIS SECTION PRESENTS
OBSERVATIONS, GRAPHS AND STATISTICS
ON
PERSONAL STEWARDSHIP
AS DERIVED
FROM RESPONSES TO
QUESTIONS 78 TO 83
OF THE WORLD SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE**

Question 78 - (All unions)

Did you return any tithe in the last year?

The following graph presents the percentage of respondents in the five unions who returned some tithe to the church during 1992.

Respondents returning tithe to the church in 1992



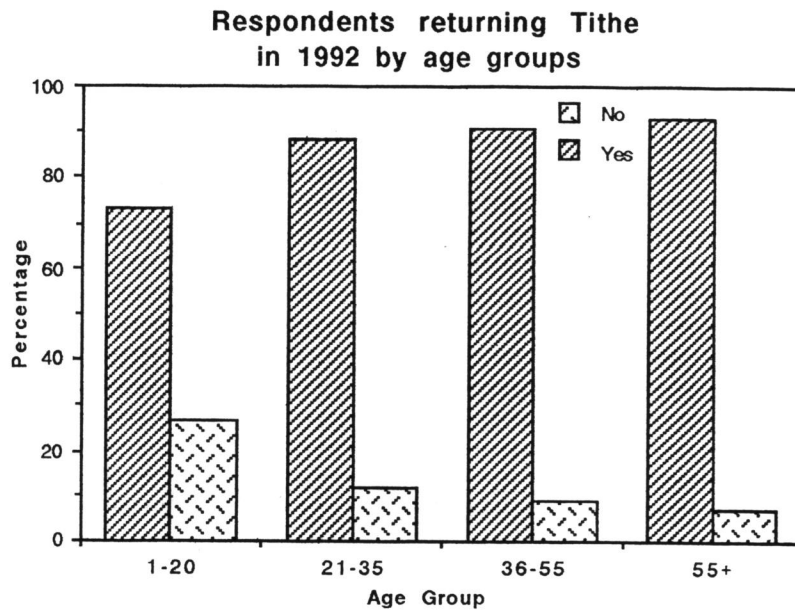
Number of respondents = 3047

OBSERVATIONS:

Question 78 - (TAUC and TTUC)

Did you return any tithe in the last year?

The following graph presents the percentage of respondents in the union conferences (TAUC and TTUC) by age groups who returned tithe to the church during 1992.



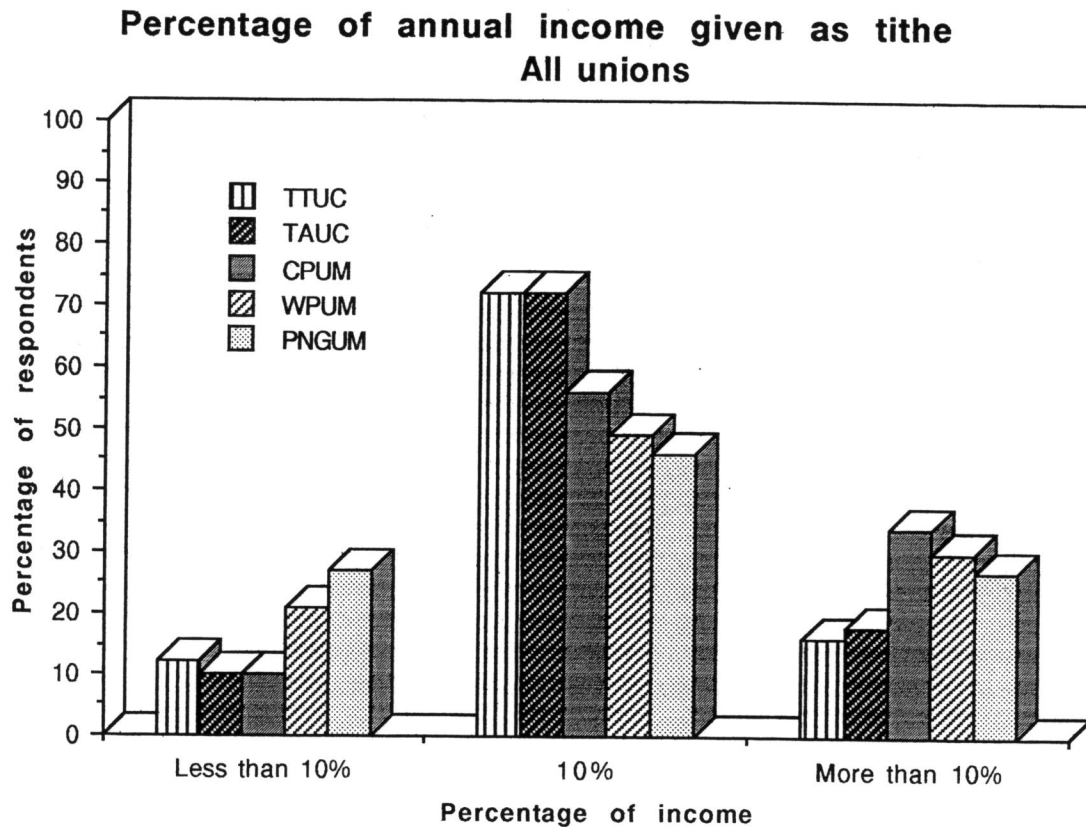
Number of respondents = 1761

OBSERVATIONS:

Question 79 - (All unions)

If 'yes' what percent of your annual income did you give?

The following graph presents the percentage of respondents in the five unions who returned as tithe exactly, more than, or less than 10% of their income during 1992



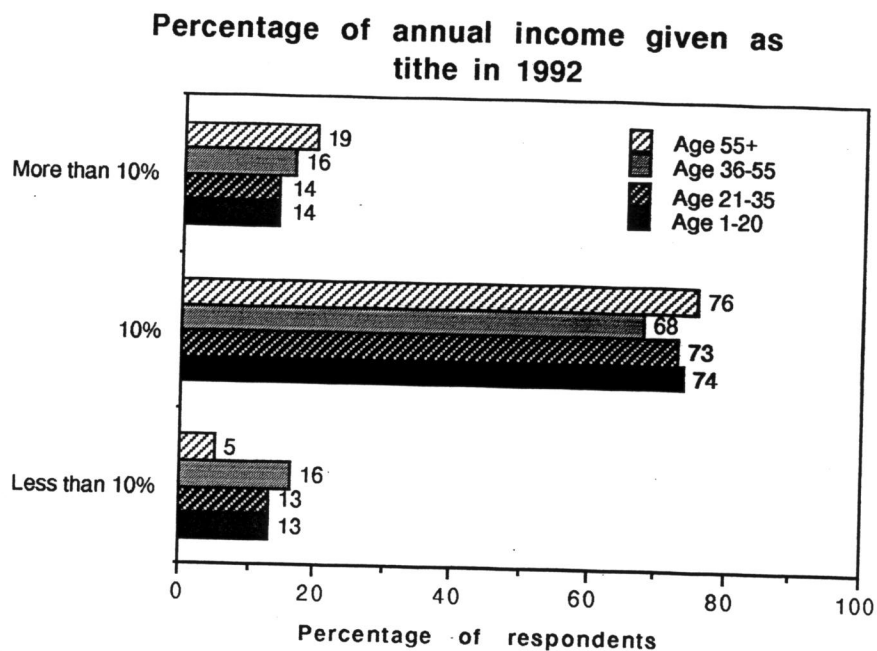
Number of respondents = 2270

Observations:

Question 79 - (TAUC and TTUC)

If 'yes' what percent of your annual income did you give?

The following graph presents the percentage of respondents in the union conferences (TAUC and TTUC) who returned as tithe exactly, more than, or less than 10% of their income during 1992



Number of respondents = 1341

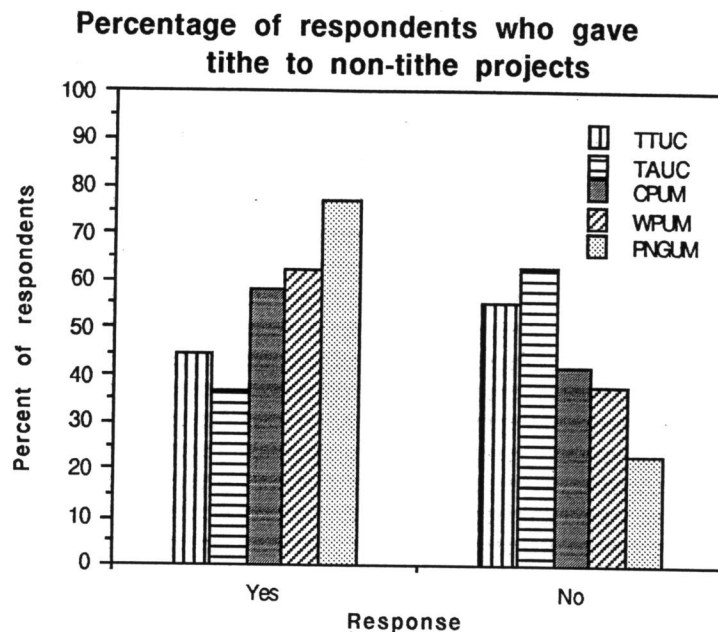
Observations:

In the TTUC and the TAUC between 68 and 76 percent of the respondents returned 10% of their income as tithe during 1992

Question 80 - (All unions)

Did you give any tithe to non-tithe categories such as local church expenses, world missions, evangelism or Christian education? [last year]

The following graph presents the percentage of respondents in the five unions who gave some of their tithe to various non-tithe categories during 1992.



Number of respondents = 2679

Observations:

- 1 The responses show a considerable use of tithe for non-tithe projects and therefore indicates the need for education in the nature, purpose and use of tithe and non-tithe funds.

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Recommendations:

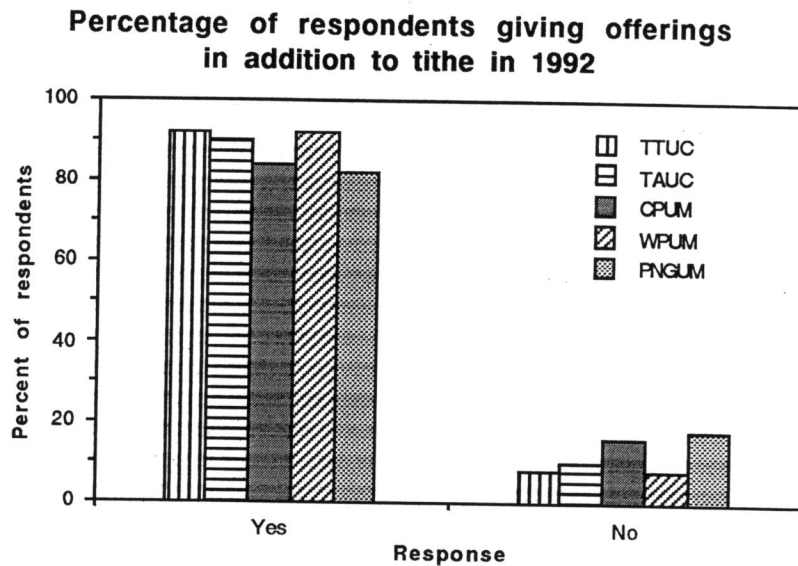
- 1 To request Union administrations and Stewardship Directors to study the validity of the survey statistics indicating considerable diversion of tithe funds to non-tithe projects to determine why this practice appears so widespread and to devise ways and means of addressing the problem.
(Attention: Union administrations and Stewardship Directors).
- 2 To advise churches following a 'budget system' for church and other offerings to avoid designating general offerings as a percentage of tithe but rather as a percentage of income
(Attention: Union conference administrations)
- 3 There is need for continuing instruction and education in the Biblical principles of stewardship and in particular the established concept of the primary support of the ministry from tithe funds.
(Attention: Union conference and mission administrations)

**4 Local church pastors actively promote in members the responsibility of faithful stewardship, particularly as it relates to the tithing system.
(Attention: Through Union conference administrations to all church organisations)**

Question 81 - (All unions)

Did you give any offerings beyond the tithe in the last year [1992]

The following graph presents the percentage of respondents in the five unions who gave offerings in addition to meeting their tithe commitments during 1992.



Number of respondents = 3082

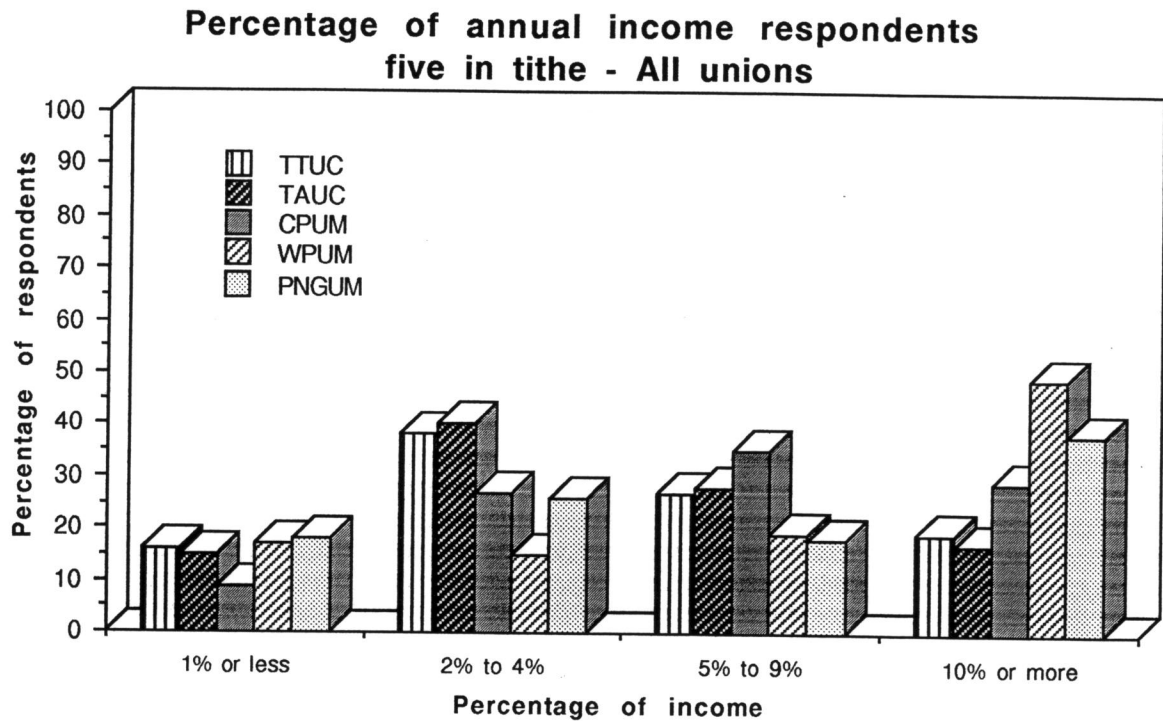
Observations:

The statistical information would indicate clearly that the majority of respondents gave liberally to various church offerings in addition to giving their tithe to the Church.

Question 82 - (All unions)

What percentage of your annual income did you give to offerings?[last year]

The following graph presents the percentage of respondents in the five unions and the percentage of annual income given in offerings during 1992.



Number of respondents = 2176

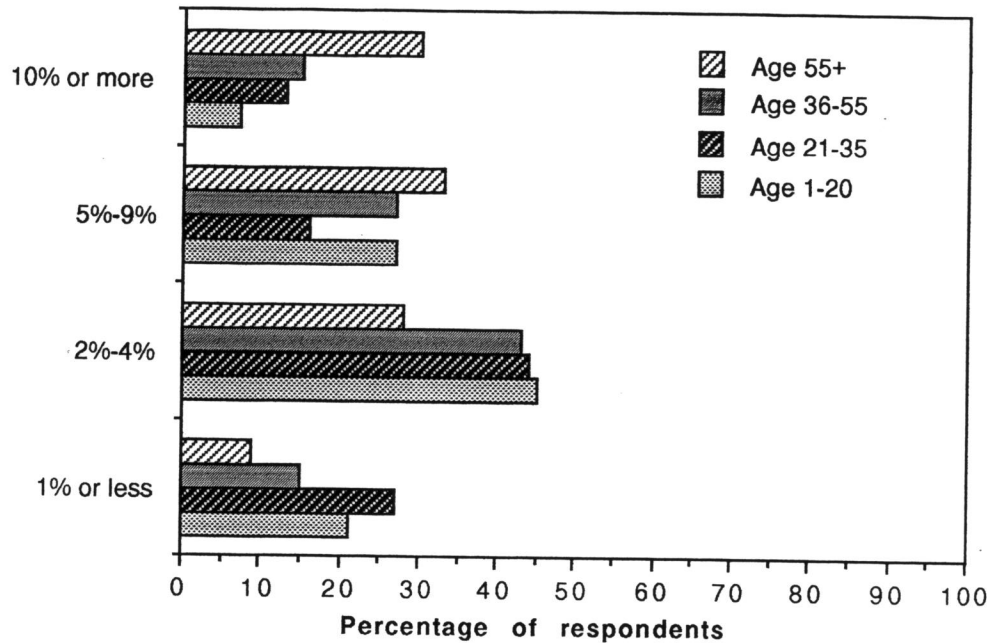
Observations:

Question 82 - (TAUC and TTUC)

What percentage of your annual income did you give to offerings?[last year]

The following graph presents the percentage of respondents in 4 age groups in the TAUC and TTUC and the percentage of annual income given in offerings during 1992.

**Percentage of annual income respondents
from Home unions give in offerings**



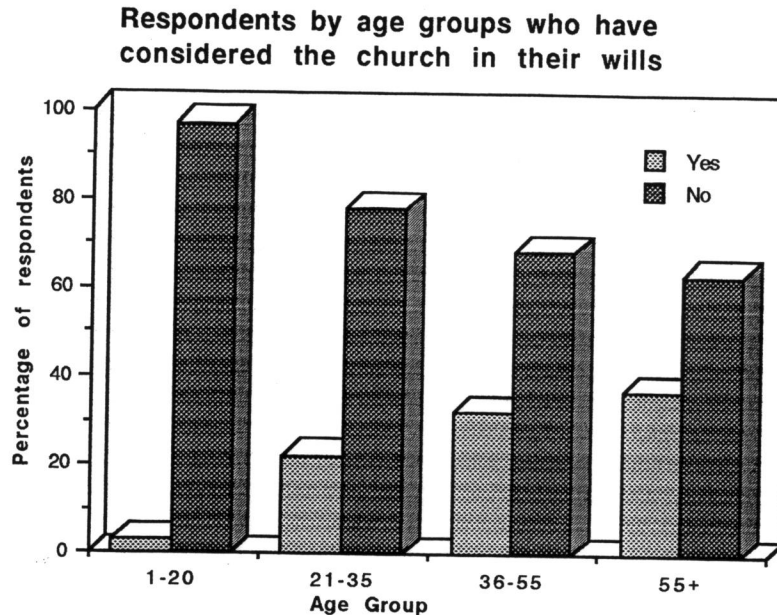
Number of respondents = 1182

Observations:

Question 83 - (TAUC and TTUC)

Have you made plans to remember the church by a will or other arrangements at death.

The following graph gives the percentage of respondents in the two Union Conferences who have made plans to will over to the church gifts upon death.



Number of respondents = 1591

Observations:

1 Seventh-day Adventist church members, as indicated by the significant number of positive responses to this particular question, are to be commended for remembering, in tangible form, the Church in their wills.

Recommendation:

1 To refer the data to the South Pacific Division Trust Services Department for further analysis and study and, in particular, suggest that approaches be made to the younger age groups.
(Attention: SPD Trust Services)

78) Did you return any tithe in the last year?

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Yes	2621	86.0	972	89.8	597	89.2	354	79.4	233	90.7	465	78.4
No	426	14.0	110	10.2	72	10.8	92	20.6	24	9.3	128	21.6

Missing cases 501

Results of Home Unions by Age Group

	TOTAL		1-20		21-35		36-55		>55	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Yes	1499	89.7	96	73.3	288	88.1	592	90.9	523	93.1
No	172	10.3	35	26.7	39	11.9	59	9.1	39	6.9

Missing cases 225

79) If "Yes" what percent of your annual income did you give?

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
< 10%	338	14.9	103	12.2	54	10.5	30	9.8	45	21.0	106	27.5
10%	1431	63.0	605	71.4	371	71.9	173	56.4	105	49.1	177	45.9
>10%	501	22.1	139	16.4	91	17.6	104	33.9	64	29.9	103	26.7

Missing cases 351

Results of Home Unions by Age Group

	TOTAL		1-20		21-35		36-55		>55	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
< 10%	153	11.4	12	12.6	36	13.3	85	15.6	20	4.6
10%	963	71.8	70	73.7	198	73.1	369	67.8	326	75.6
> 10%	225	16.8	13	13.7	37	13.7	90	16.5	85	19.7

Missing cases 158

80) Did you give any tithe to non-tithe categories such as local church expenses, world missions, evangelism or Christian education?

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Yes	1429	53.3	419	45.0	203	36.4	202	58.0	189	61.8	416	77.5
No	1250	46.7	512	55.0	354	63.6	146	42.0	117	38.2	121	22.5

Missing cases 869

Results of Home Unions by Age Group

	TOTAL		1-20		21-35		36-55		>55	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Yes	589	41.3	25	27.5	116	40.6	241	41.9	207	43.8
No	836	58.7	66	72.5	170	59.4	334	58.1	266	56.2

Missing cases 471

81) Did you give any offerings beyond the tithe in the last year?

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Yes	2723	88.4	976	91.8	582	89.7	367	83.8	318	92.4	480	81.6
No	359	11.6	87	8.2	67	10.3	71	16.2	26	7.6	108	18.4

Missing cases 466

Results of Home Unions by Age Group

	TOTAL		1-20		21-35		36-55		>55	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Yes	1493	90.9	98	76.6	287	88.9	588	91.7	520	94.5
No	149	9.1	30	23.4	36	11.1	53	8.3	30	5.5

Missing cases 254

82) If "Yes" what percent of your annual income did you give to offerings?

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
1% or less	336	15.4	118	16.4	69	14.9	26	8.4	45	17.2	78	18.3
2% to 4%	689	31.7	270	37.6	185	40.0	84	27.3	40	15.3	110	25.8
5% to 9%	553	25.4	191	26.6	129	27.9	108	35.1	48	18.4	77	18.1
10% or more	598	27.5	139	19.4	80	17.3	90	29.2	128	49.0	161	37.8

Missing cases 547

Results of Home Unions by Age Group

	TOTAL		1-20		21-35		36-55		>55	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
1% less.	194	16.4	18	20.7	72	27.4	75	15.3	29	8.5
2 to 4 %	458	38.7	39	44.8	116	44.1	208	42.5	95	27.7
5 to 9 %	316	26.7	24	27.6	42	16.0	134	27.4	116	33.8
10% more	214	18.1	6	6.9	33	12.5	72	14.7	103	30.0

Missing cases 311

83) Have you made plans to remember the church by a will or other arrangements at death?

Results by Union

	TOTAL		TTUC		TAUC		CPUM		WPUM		PNGUM	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Yes	993	34.3	296	29.0	184	28.9	104	25.7	104	35.4	305	56.1
No	1904	65.7	723	71.0	452	71.1	300	74.3	190	64.6	239	43.9

Missing cases 651

Results of Home Unions by Age Group

	TOTAL		1-20		21-35		36-55		>55	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Yes	465	29.2	4	3.3	70	21.9	200	31.9	191	36.5
No	1126	70.8	117	96.7	250	78.1	426	68.1	333	63.5

Missing cases 304

CHAPTER III

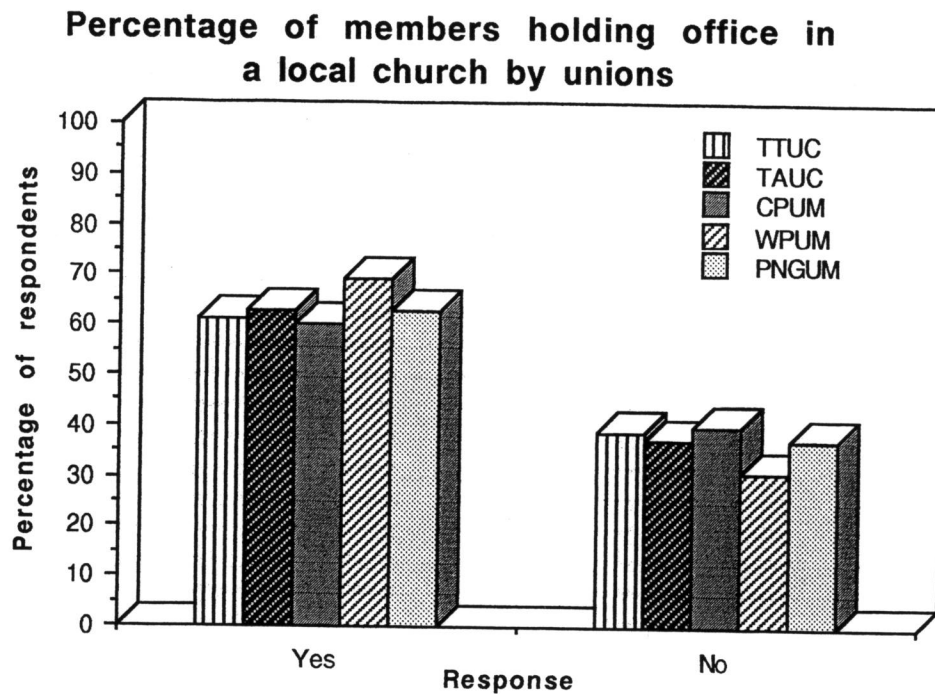
CHRISTIAN SERVICE

**THIS SECTION PRESENTS
OBSERVATIONS, GRAPHS AND STATISTICS
ON
CHRISTIAN SERVICE
AS DERIVED
FROM RESPONSES TO
QUESTIONS 5 - 18 AND 37
OF THE WORLD SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE**

Question 5 - (All unions)

Do you hold church office or position of leadership in your local church?

The following graph presents the percentage of respondents in the unions who currently hold a church position or office in a local church.



Number of respondents =3309

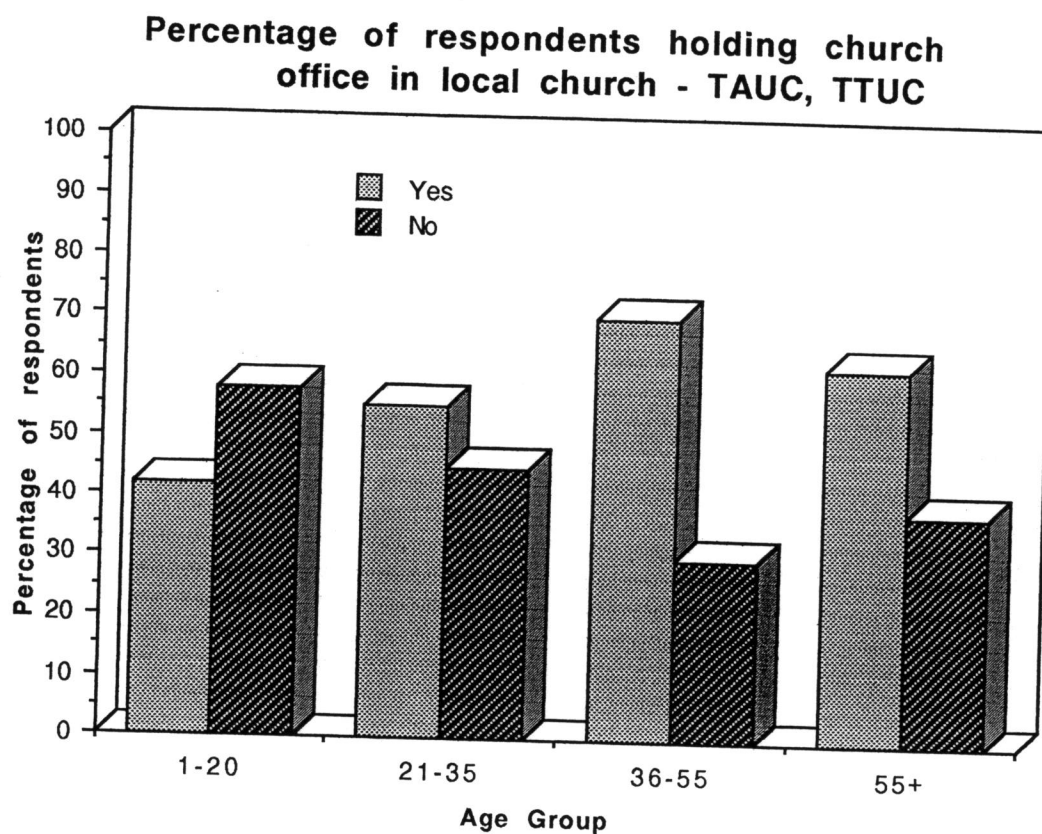
OBSERVATIONS:

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Question 5 - (TAUC and TTUC)

Do you hold church office or position of leadership in your local church?

The following graph presents the percentage of respondents in the union conferences (TAUC and TTUC) by age groups who currently hold a church office or position in their local church.



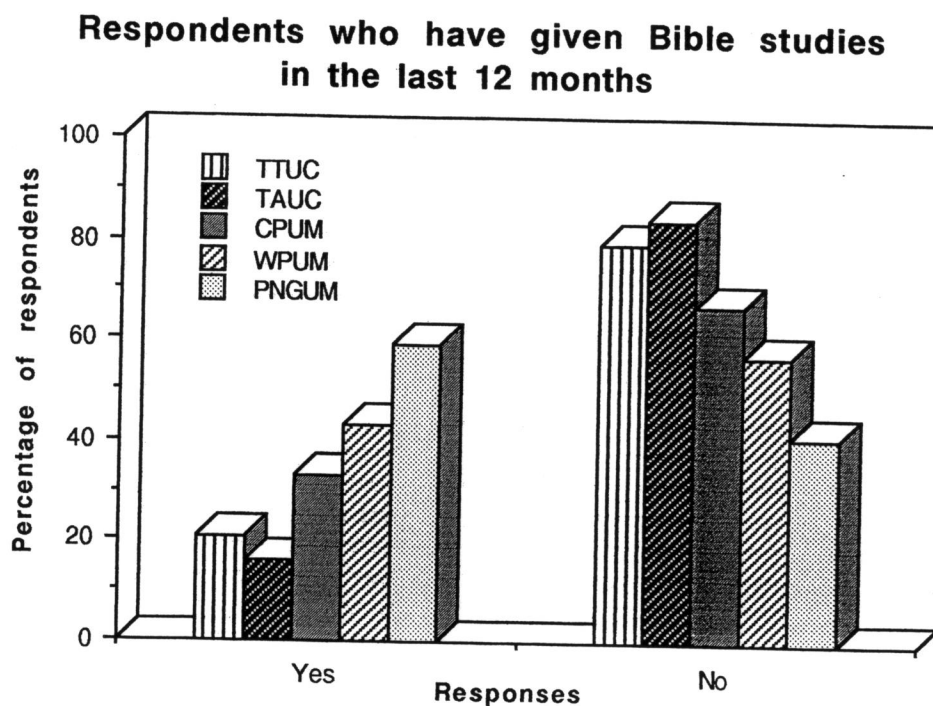
Number of respondents = 1341

Observations:

Question 6

During the last 12 months, have you been a leader or helper in giving Bible studies?

The following graph presents the number of respondents who have been leading in or assisting in presenting Bible studies



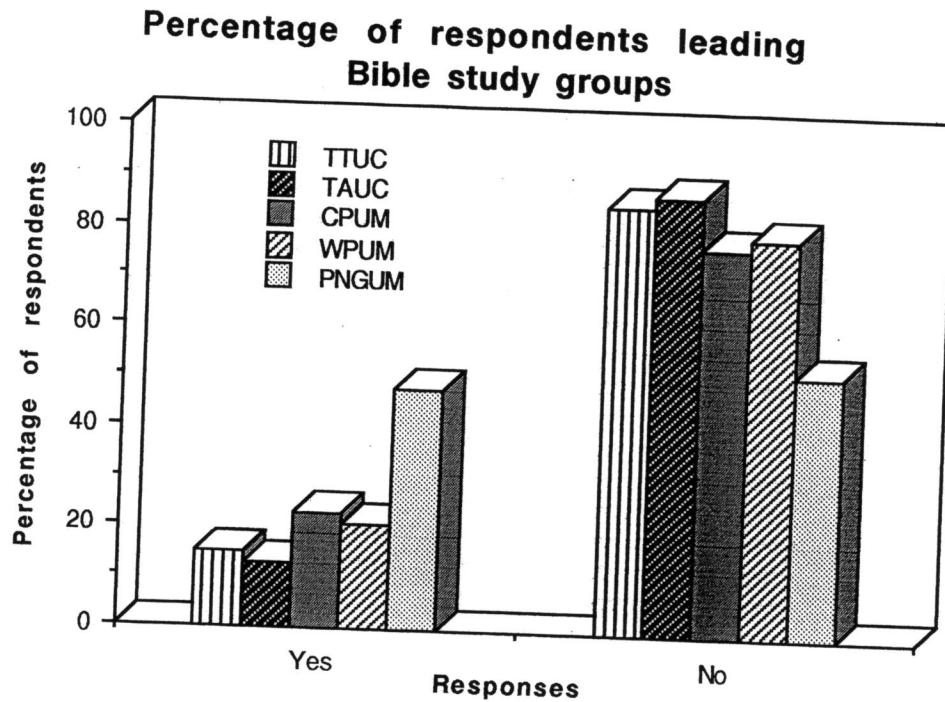
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Observations:

Question 7

During the last 12 months, have you been leading a Bible study group?

The following graph presents the percentage of respondents in the five unions who have been leading out in conducting Bible Studies over the past 12 months



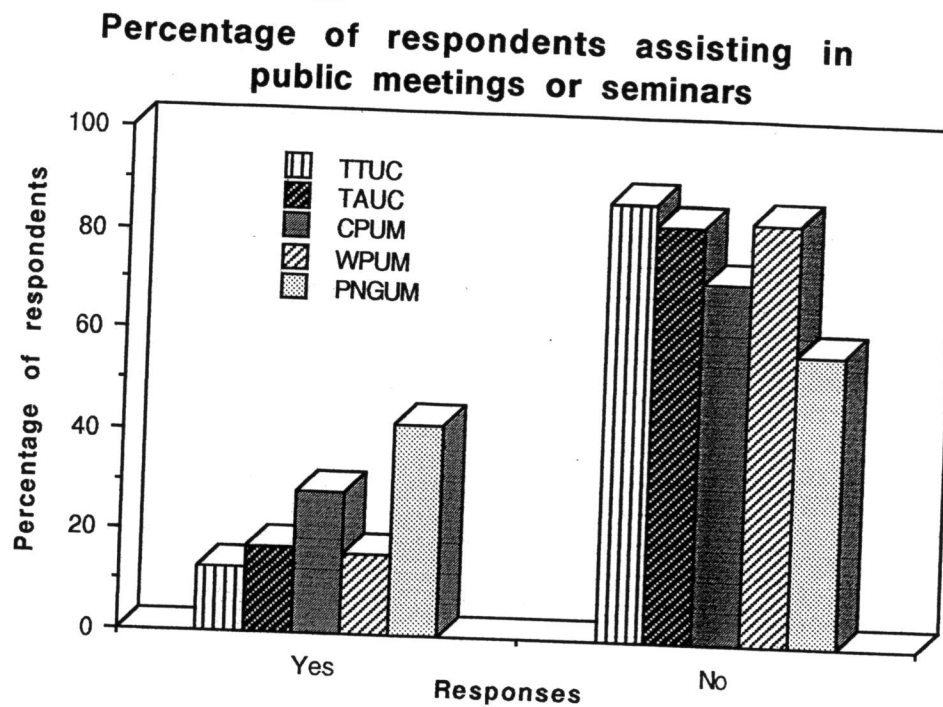
Number of respondents = 3082

Observations:

Question 8

During the last 12 months, have you been a leader or helper in public meetings or in Bible seminars?

The following graph presents the percentage of respondents who have been leading or assisting in public meetings or Bible seminars



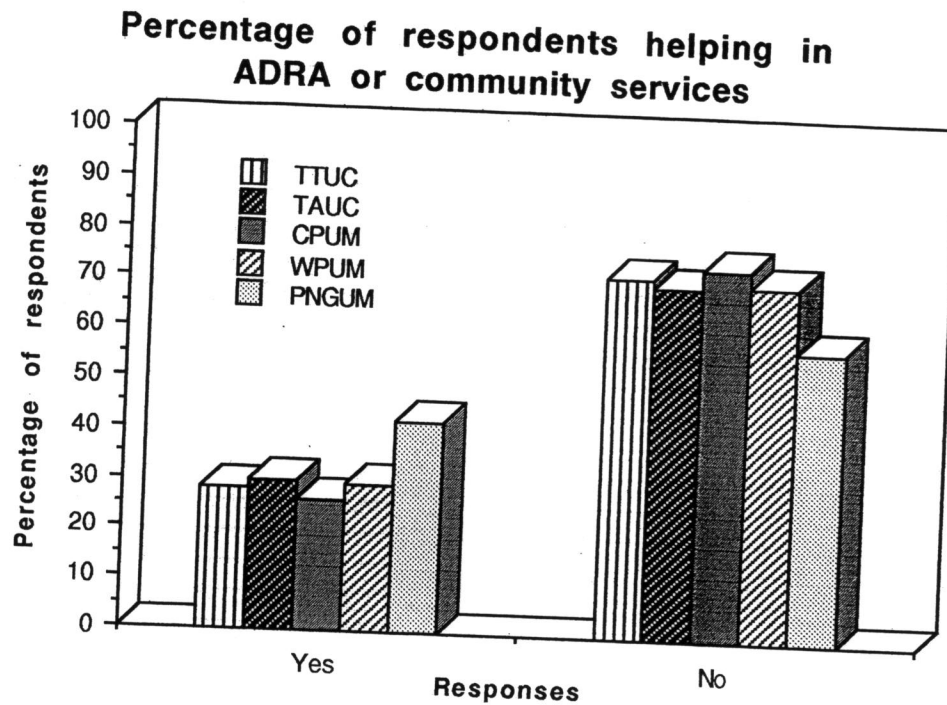
Number of respondents = 3078

Observations:

Question 9

During the last 12 months, have you been a leader or helper in ADRA or community service work?

The following graph presents the percentage of respondents who have been leading or assisting in ADRA or community services activities



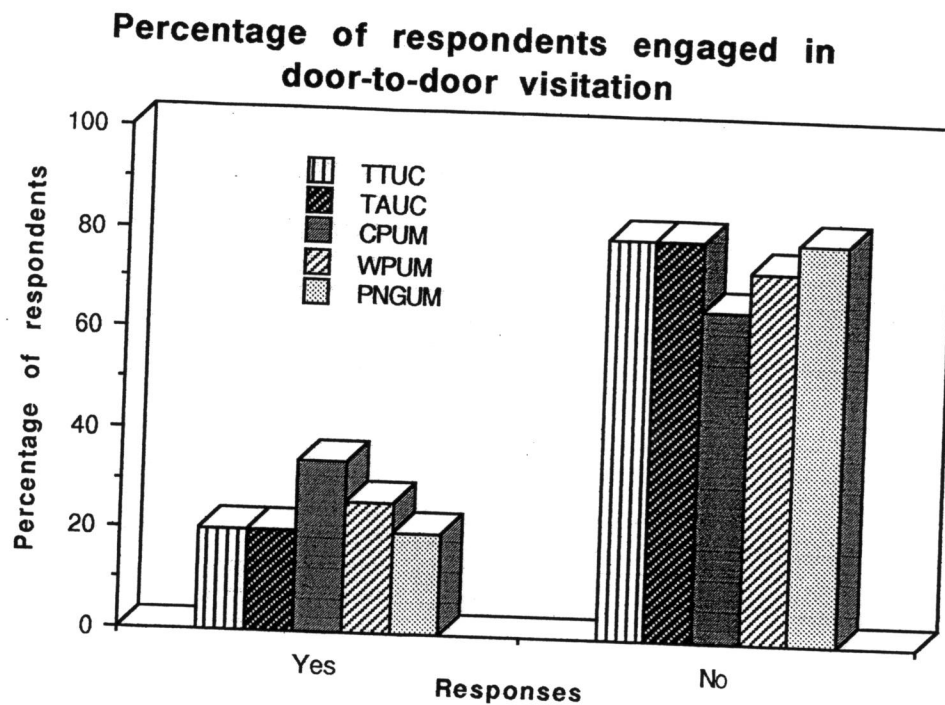
Number of respondents = 3073

Observations:

Question 10

During the last 12 months, have you been a leader or helper in Door-to-door visitation?

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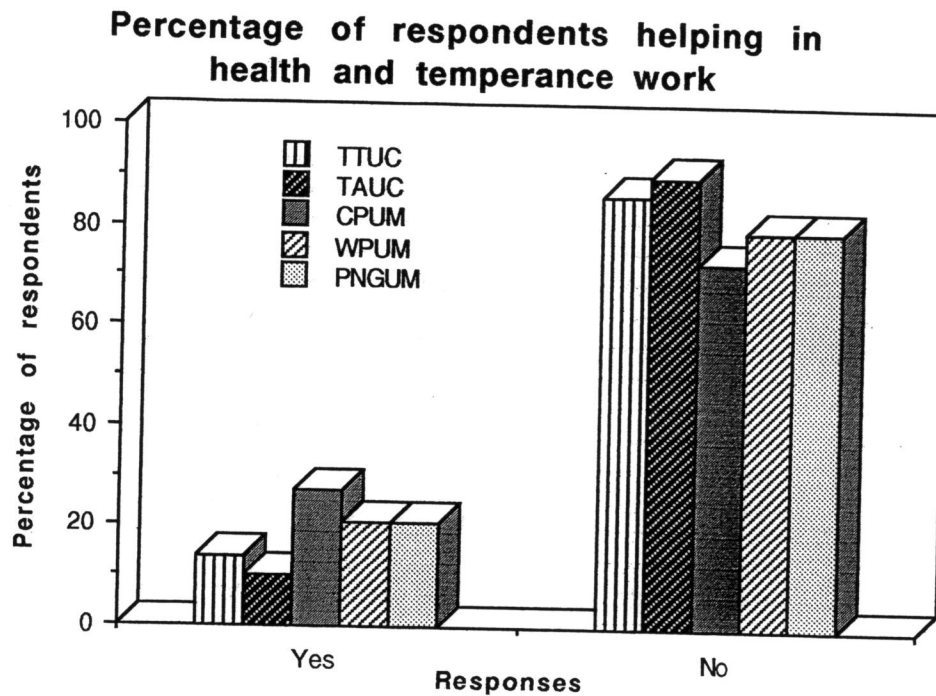
Number of respondents = 3081

Observations:

Question 11

During the last 12 months, have you been a leader or helper in health and temperance work?

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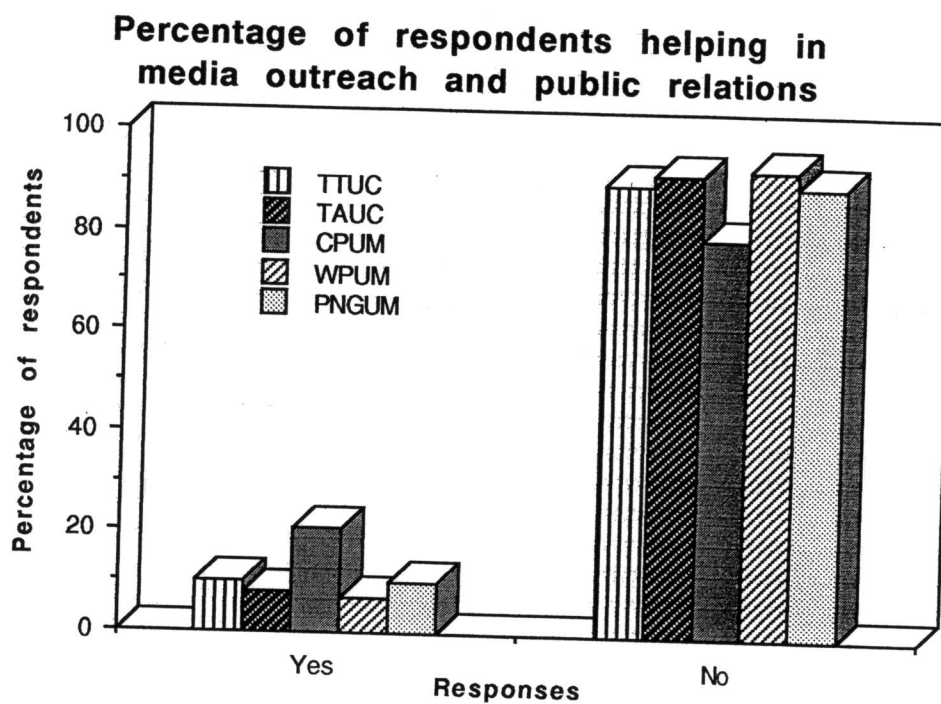
Number of respondents = 3070

Observations:

Question 12

During the last 12 months, have you been a leader or helper in media outreach and public relations?

The following graph presents the percentage of respondents who have been leading or assisting in media outreach and public relations activities



Number of respondents = 3074

Observations: